



Hollister
"Service, Pride and Integrity" **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

PRESS RELEASE

POLICE SEEK SUSPECT FOR ANNOYING A CHILD

HOLLISTER, CALIFORNIA – March 9, 2009 - The Hollister Police Department is investigating a suspicious incident that occurred on the evening of March 6, 2009 at the Veteran's Memorial Park, 1023 Memorial Drive. A man reportedly tried to entice a small child into leaving the park with him.

A report was made to the Hollister Police Department that a 4-year-old child was playing at the playground with other children while a sporting event was taking place in the park. The child's mother lost sight of him, but was able to find the child near the back of the playground. The child's mother reporting seeing a white male adult standing close to her son at the playground. When the mother called out to her child, the male allegedly looked down, turned and jogged away northbound through the parking lot.

The child later reported to his mother that the male asked several times that the child go with him and that he offered to show the child "his baseball stuff."

The man is described as a middle-aged, white male, approximately 5'6" tall, 160 pounds, with thick, wavy dark blonde collar-length hair. He was wearing a dark green baseball cap and blue jeans. He is described as being unkempt and unshaven.

The Hollister Police Department is asking all parents to use due care and vigilance with their children and to report any suspicious activity immediately by dialing 9-1-1.

Anyone with any information about this incident is asked to contact the Hollister Police Department at (831) 636-4330. Persons with information who wish to remain anonymous may call WeTIP at (800) 78-CRIME

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